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SUBJECT: BRAZIL - DESIGNATION OF AIR CARRIERS UNDER  
BILATERAL AVIATION AGREEMENT

**¶1.** Post has received a diplomatic note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs designating Varig, Tam, Varig Logistica, and ABSA as Brazilian carriers under the bilateral aviation agreement to operate routes between the United States and Brazil. An informal translation of the note follows.

**¶2.** Begin text of note:

Urgent  
DSF/47/ETRA-BRAS-EUA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor of informing the Embassy of the United States of America, at the request of the Brazilian aviation authorities, of the designation of the following Brazilian companies to operate routes between Brazil and the United States, under the terms of the current Airline Agreement between the two countries:

VARIG - Viacao Aerea Rio Grandense S.A.  
TAM - Linhas Aereas S.A.  
VARIG Logistica S.A.  
ABSA - Aerolinhas Brasileiras S.A.

The Brazilian aviation authorities also request that the previous designations for Brazil be considered invalid.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be very grateful if this information were transmitted to the north-American aviation authorities.

Brasilia, June 20, 2005.

End text of note.

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